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AMEMBASSY SANA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, YE, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN

REF JIDDA 6259

1. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE PRINCE SULTAN TODAY (OCT 26) ABOUT HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE YEMEN AND CONTINUING YEMENI CONCERN ABOUT THE APPARENT SAUDI RELUCTANCE TO GIVE THEM MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE YEMENIS WERE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THE REPEATED POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL GHAMSHI'S VISIT TO RIYADH AND - MOST MYSTERIOUS OF ALL - SAUDI RELUCTANCE TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR THE SMALL PACKAGE OF ARMS WE HAD PROPOSED FOR THE YEMEN.
2. SULTAN SAID THERE WAS NOTHING MYSTERIOUS OR SINISTER ABOUT THIS NOR WAS SAUDI ARABIA DRAGGING ITS FEET IN ORDER TO HARM OR WORRY THE YEMEN. DURING LAST TWO MONTHS, HE SAID, THE SAUDIS WERE INVOLVED IN THE FORMATION OF THE NEW CABINET AND THE SAG WAS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS MANY MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE WITH FOREIGNERS. THE CABINET IS NOW FORMED AND THE YEMENI PROJECT WILL PROCEED.
3. GHAMSHI HAS BEEN INVITED TO COME TO RIYADH NOVEMBER 7 AND HAS JUST ACCEPTED THE INVITATION. THE U.S. ARMS PACKAGE, WHICH SULTA

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SAID WAS VERY LITTLE INDEED, WOULD BE APPROVED AND THERE WILL PROBABLY
BE A REQUEST FOR MORE U.S. ARMS FOR THE YEMEN.
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